GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3958
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
RAIL LINK TO BHIWADI
GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAV

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bhiwadi is an industrial town under the National Capital Region;

(b) whether this town is situated at a distance of five kilometres from Dharuheda, 25 kilometres from Rewari and also 25 kms from Delhi;

(c) whether there are five industrial towns/ cities situated on Delhi-Jaipur Road and goods in heavy quantities aretransported daily by road and due to absence of a railway line, difficulties are being faced in the transportation of goods in such a large quantity; and

(d) if so, whether Bhiwadi is proposed to be linked through railways keeping in view its importance as industrial town?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3958 BY SHRI GIRDHARI L BHARGAVA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.12.2000 REGARDING RAIL LINK TO BHIWADI.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Bhiwadi town is situated approximately at a distance of 5 kms. from Dharuhera, 25 kms. from Rewari and 75 kms. from Delhi. The main industrial locations on Delhi-Jaipur Road in the National Capital Region (NCR) are Gurgaon,Manesar, Dharuhera, Bawal, Shahjahanpur, Neemrana, Behror and Sota Nala. Goods to and from these locations are transported by road.

For a Rail link to Bhiwadi, Northern Railway had prepared a Project Report for Khurja-Palwal-Rewari-Rohtak newline in the year 1995. The estimated cost of the project was Rs.365 crore and the Rate of Returnwas less than 2%. Another survey was conducted in August`97 for construction of a new Railway line between Rewari and Rohtak via Jhajjar.Rewari-Bhiwadi Rail link also formed a part of this route. This survey report revealed that the cost of 81 km long Railway line would be about Rs.110 crore and that the project is not financially viable as the rate of return is negative.

The Railway is undergoing severe constraint of resources at present, specially as a result of recommendations of 5th Pay Commission and hikes in diesel prices. There is a heavy shelf of new projects already sanctioned, which would require as much as Rs.22,000 crore for their completion. At the present rate of availability of funds, they will take more than 25 years for their completion. In view of the financial position of the Railways, and un-remunerative nature of the project, it has not been possible to consider the above new line project at present.